



Competitive Solicitation by  
Region 14 Education Service Center

For

Athletic Supplies and Equipment

On behalf of itself and other Government Agencies

And made available through the

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance

RFP # 19-19

**NCPA**

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance

# Introduction / Scope

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- ◆ Region 14 ESC on behalf of itself and all states, local governments, school districts, and higher education institutions in the United States of America, and other government agencies and non-profit organizations (herein “Public Agency” or collectively “Public Agencies”) is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to enter into a Master Agreement for a complete line of Athletic Supplies and Equipment.
- ◆ Region 14 ESC, as the lead public agency, has partnered with NCPA to make the resultant contract available to all participating agencies in the United States. NCPA provides marketing and administrative support for the awarded vendor that promotes the successful vendor’s products and services to Public Agencies nationwide. The Vendor will execute the NCPA Administration Agreement (Tab 2) upon award. Vendor should thoroughly review all documents and note any exceptions to NCPA terms and conditions in their proposal.
- ◆ Awarded vendor(s) shall perform covered services under the terms of this agreement. Respondents shall provide pricing based on a discount from their standard pricing schedules for products and/or services offered. Electronic Catalog and/or price lists must accompany the proposal. Multiple percentage discount structure is also acceptable. Please specify where different percentage discounts apply. Additional pricing and/or discounts may be included.
- ◆ Each service proposed is to be priced separately with all ineligible items identified. Services may be awarded to multiple vendors. Respondents may elect to limit their proposals to a single service within any category, or multiple services within any and all categories.
- ◆ National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
  - The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (herein “NCPA”) assists public agencies to increase their efficiency and reduce their costs when procuring goods and services. This is accomplished by awarding competitively solicited contracts that are leveraged nationally by combining the volumes and purchasing power of entities nationwide. Our contracts are available for use by any entity that must comply with procurement laws and regulations.
- ◆ It is the intention of Region 14 ESC and NCPA to achieve the following objectives through this RFP.
  - Provide a comprehensive competitively solicited Master Agreement offering Products and Services to Public Agencies;
  - Achieve cost savings of Vendors and Public Agencies through a single competitive solicitation process that eliminates the need for multiple proposals;
  - Combine the purchasing power of Public Agencies to achieve cost effective pricing;
  - Reduce the administrative and overhead costs of Vendors and Public Agencies through state-of-the-art purchasing procedures.

# Instructions to Respondents

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## ◆ Submission of Response

- Only sealed responses will be accepted. Faxed or electronically transmitted responses will not be accepted.
- Sealed responses may be submitted on any or all items, unless stated otherwise. Region 14 ESC reserves the right to reject or accept any response.
- Deviations to the terms, conditions and/or specifications shall be conspicuously noted in writing by the respondent and shall be included with the response.
- Withdrawal of response will not be allowed for a period of 120 days following the opening. Pricing will remain firm for 120 days from submittal.

## ◆ Required Proposal Format

- Responses shall be provided in a three-ring binder or report cover using 8.5 x 11 paper clearly identified with the name of Respondents company and solicitation responding to on the outside front cover and vertical spine. Two (2) bound and signed copies of the proposals and Two (2) electronic copies on flash drives (i.e. pin or jump drives) shall be provided. Tabs should be used to separate the proposal into sections, as identified below. Respondents failing to organize in the manner listed may be considered non-responsive and may not be evaluated.

## ◆ Binder Tabs

- Tab 1 – Master Agreement / Signature Form
- Tab 2 – NCPA Administration Agreement
- Tab 3 – Vendor Questionnaire
- Tab 4 – Vendor Profile
- Tab 5 – Products and Services / Scope
- Tab 6 - References
- Tab 7 - Pricing
- Tab 8 – Value Added Products and Services
- Tab 9 – Required Documents

## ◆ Shipping Label

- The package must be clearly identified as listed below with the solicitation number and name of the company responding. All packaged must be sealed and delivered to the Region 14 ESC offices no later than the submittal deadline assigned for this solicitation.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitation Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_



# Tab 1 – Master Agreement

## General Terms and Conditions

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### ◆ Customer Support

- The vendor shall provide timely and accurate technical advice and sales support. The vendor shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request.

### ◆ Disclosures

- Respondent affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this contract.
- The respondent affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this contract.

### ◆ Renewal of Contract

- Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year terms or any combination of time equally not more than 2 years if agreed to by Region 14 ESC and the vendor.

### ◆ Funding Out Clause

- Any/all contracts exceeding one (1) year shall include a standard “funding out” clause. A contract for the acquisition, including lease, of real or personal property is a commitment of the entity’s current revenue only, provided the contract contains either or both of the following provisions:
- Retains to the entity the continuing right to terminate the contract at the expiration of each budget period during the term of the contract and is conditioned on a best efforts attempt by the entity to obtain appropriate funds for payment of the contract.

### ◆ Shipments (if applicable)

- The awarded vendor shall ship ordered products within seven (7) working days for goods available and within four (4) to six (6) weeks for specialty items after the receipt of the order unless modified. If a product cannot be shipped within that time, the awarded vendor shall notify the entity placing the order as to why the product has not shipped and shall provide an estimated shipping date. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

### ◆ Tax Exempt Status

- Since this is a national contract, knowing the tax laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the vendor.

◆ Payments

- The entity using the contract will make payments directly to the awarded vendor or their affiliates (distributors/business partners/resellers) as long as written request and approval by NCPA is provided to the awarded vendor.

◆ Adding authorized distributors/dealers

- Awarded vendors may submit a list of distributors/partners/resellers to sell under their contract throughout the life of the contract. Vendor must receive written approval from NCPA before such distributors/partners/resellers considered authorized.
- Purchase orders and payment can only be made to awarded vendor or distributors/business partners/resellers previously approved by NCPA.
- Pricing provided to members by added distributors or dealers must also be less than or equal to the pricing offered by the awarded contract holder.
- All distributors/partners/resellers are required to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the vendor's agreement with NCPA.

◆ Pricing

- All pricing submitted shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to NCPA by the awarded vendor. It is the awarded vendor's responsibility to keep all pricing up to date and on file with NCPA.
- All deliveries shall be freight prepaid, F.O.B. destination and shall be included in all pricing offered unless otherwise clearly stated in writing

◆ Warranty

- Proposals should address each of the following:
  - Applicable warranty and/or guarantees of equipment and installations including any conditions and response time for repair and/or replacement of any components during the warranty period.
  - Availability of replacement parts
  - Life expectancy of equipment under normal use
  - Detailed information as to proposed return policy on all equipment

◆ Indemnity

- The awarded vendor shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Region 14 ESC and its participants, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of the vendor, vendor employees or vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract.

◆ Franchise Tax

- The respondent hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes.

◆ Supplemental Agreements

- The entity participating in this contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor.

◆ Certificates of Insurance

- Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the Public Agency prior to commencement of work. The insurance company shall be licensed in the applicable state in which work is being conducted. The awarded vendor shall give the participating entity a minimum of ten (10) days notice prior to any modifications or cancellation of policies. The awarded vendor shall require all subcontractors performing any work to maintain coverage as specified.

◆ Legal Obligations

- It is the Respondent's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state, and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this RFP and any awarded contract and shall comply with all while fulfilling the RFP. Applicable laws and regulation must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

◆ Protest

- A protest of an award or proposed award must be filed in writing within ten (10) days from the date of the official award notification and must be received by 5:00 pm CST. Protests shall be filed with Region 14 ESC and shall include the following:
  - Name, address and telephone number of protester
  - Original signature of protester or its representative
  - Identification of the solicitation by RFP number
  - Detailed statement of legal and factual grounds including copies of relevant documents and the form of relief requested
- Any protest review and action shall be considered final with no further formalities being considered.

◆ Force Majeure

- If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.
- The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the



United States or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lighting; earthquake; fires; hurricanes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty

◆ Prevailing Wage

- It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser. It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate department of labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.

◆ Miscellaneous

- Either party may cancel this contract in whole or in part by providing written notice. The cancellation will take effect 30 business days after the other party receives the notice of cancellation. After the 30th business day all work will cease following completion of final purchase order.

◆ Open Records Policy

- Because Region 14 ESC is a governmental entity, responses submitted are subject to release as public information after contracts are executed. If a vendor believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure, the vendor must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempt. In addition, the respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s).
- The determination of whether information is confidential and not subject to disclosure is the duty of the Office of Attorney General (OAG). Region 14 ESC must provide the OAG sufficient information to render an opinion and therefore, vague and general claims to confidentiality by the respondent are not acceptable. Region 14 ESC must comply with the opinions of the OAG. Region 14 ESC assumes no responsibility for asserting legal arguments on behalf of any vendor. Respondent are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this procurement process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and other proprietary information.

# Process

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Region 14 ESC will evaluate proposals in accordance with, and subject to, the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations that govern its procurement practices. NCPA will assist Region 14 ESC in evaluating proposals. Award(s) will be made to the prospective vendor whose response is determined to be the most advantageous to Region 14 ESC, NCPA, and its participating agencies. To qualify for evaluation, response must have been submitted on time, and satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this document.

- ◆ **Contract Administration**

- The contract will be administered by Region 14 ESC. The National Program will be administered by NCPA on behalf of Region 14 ESC.

- ◆ **Contract Term**

- The contract term will be for three (3) year starting from the date of the award. The contract may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year terms or any combination of time equally not more than 2 years.
- It should be noted that maintenance/service agreements may be issued for up to (5) years under this contract even if the contract only lasts for the initial term of the contract. NCPA will monitor any maintenance agreements for the term of the agreement provided they are signed prior to the termination or expiration of this contract.

- ◆ **Contract Waiver**

- Any waiver of any provision of this contract shall be in writing and shall be signed by the duly authorized agent of Region 14 ESC. The waiver by either party of any term or condition of this contract shall not be deemed to constitute waiver thereof nor a waiver of any further or additional right that such party may hold under this contract.

- ◆ **Products and Services additions**

- Products and Services may be added to the resulting contract during the term of the contract by written amendment, to the extent that those products and services are within the scope of this RFP.

- ◆ **Competitive Range**

- It may be necessary for Region 14 ESC to establish a competitive range. Responses not in the competitive range are unacceptable and do not receive further award consideration.

- ◆ **Deviations and Exceptions**

- Deviations or exceptions stipulated in response may result in disqualification. It is the intent of Region 14 ESC to award a vendor's complete line of products and/or services, when possible.

- ◆ **Estimated Quantities**

- The estimated dollar volume of Products and Services purchased under the proposed Master Agreement is \$5 million dollars annually. This estimate is based on the anticipated volume of Region 14 ESC and current sales within the NCPA program. There is no guarantee or commitment of any kind regarding usage of any contracts resulting from this solicitation



- ◆ Evaluation
  - Region 14 ESC will review and evaluate all responses in accordance with, and subject to, the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern its procurement practices. NCPA will assist the lead agency in evaluating proposals. Recommendations for contract awards will be based on multiple factors, each factor being assigned a point value based on its importance.
- ◆ Formation of Contract
  - A response to this solicitation is an offer to contract with Region 14 ESC based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this request. A solicitation does not become a contract until it is accepted by Region 14 ESC. The prospective vendor must submit a signed Signature Form with the response thus, eliminating the need for a formal signing process.
- ◆ NCPA Administrative Agreement
  - The vendor will be required to enter and execute the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Administration Agreement with NCPA upon award with Region 14 ESC. The agreement establishes the requirements of the vendor with respect to a nationwide contract effort.
- ◆ Clarifications / Discussions
  - Region 14 ESC may request additional information or clarification from any of the respondents after review of the proposals received for the sole purpose of elimination minor irregularities, informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the proposal. Clarification does not give respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its proposal, except to the extent that correction of apparent clerical mistakes results in a revision. After the initial receipt of proposals, Region 14 ESC reserves the right to conduct discussions with those respondent's whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. Discussions occur when oral or written communications between Region 14 ESC and respondents are conducted for the purpose clarifications involving information essential for determining the acceptability of a proposal or that provides respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its proposal. Region 14 ESC will not assist respondent bring its proposal up to the level of other proposals through discussions. Region 14 ESC will not indicate to respondent a cost or price that it must meet to neither obtain further consideration nor will it provide any information about other respondents' proposals or prices.
- ◆ Multiple Awards
  - Multiple Contracts may be awarded as a result of the solicitation. Multiple Awards will ensure that any ensuing contracts fulfill current and future requirements of the diverse and large number of participating public agencies.
- ◆ Past Performance
  - Past performance is relevant information regarding a vendor's actions under previously awarded contracts; including the administrative aspects of performance; the vendor's history of reasonable and cooperative behavior and commitment to customer satisfaction; and generally, the vendor's businesslike concern for the interests of the customer.

# Evaluation Criteria

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- ◆ Pricing (40 points)
  - Electronic Price Lists
    - Products, Services, Warranties, etc. price list
    - Prices listed will be used to establish both the extent of a vendor's product lines, services, warranties, etc. available from a particular bidder and the pricing per item.
  
- ◆ Ability to Provide and Perform the Required Services for the Contract (25 points)
  - Product Delivery within participating entities specified parameters
  - Number of line items delivered complete within the normal delivery time as a percentage of line items ordered.
  - Vendor's ability to perform towards above requirements and desired specifications.
  - Past Cooperative Program Performance
  - Quantity of line items available that are commonly purchased by the entity.
  - Quality of line items available compared to normal participating entity standards.
  
- ◆ References (15 points)
  - A minimum of ten (10) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope dating within past 3 years
  
- ◆ Technology for Supporting the Program (10 points)
  - Electronic on-line catalog, order entry use by and suitability for the entity's needs
  - Quality of vendor's on-line resources for NCPA members.
  - Specifications and features offered by respondent's products and/or services
  
- ◆ Value Added Services Description, Products and/or Services (10 points)
  - Marketing and Training
  - Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and (HUB) Participation
  - Customer Service

# Signature Form

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The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish goods and/or services in strict compliance with the terms, specifications and conditions at the prices proposed within response unless noted in writing. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is an officer of the company and has authority to negotiate and bind the company named below and has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Respondent and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Prices are guaranteed: **120 days**

Company name	<u>S&amp;S WORLDWIDE</u>
Address	<u>75 MILL STREET</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>COLCHESTER, CT 06415</u>
Telephone No.	<u>800 - 243 - 9232</u>
Fax No.	<u>800 - 432 - 2842</u>
Email address	<u>bids@ssww.com</u>
Printed name	<u>Jenna Schall</u>
Position with company	<u>Bids + Contracts Manager</u>
Authorized signature	<u>Jenna Schall</u>



# Tab 2 – NCPA Administration Agreement

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This Administration Agreement is made as of August 1, 2019, by and between National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (“NCPA”) and S+S Worldwide (“Vendor”).

## Recitals

WHEREAS, Region 14 ESC has entered into a certain Master Agreement dated August 1, 2019, referenced as Contract Number 08-25, by and between Region 14 ESC and Vendor, as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof (the “Master Agreement”), for the purchase of Athletic Supplies and Equipment;

WHEREAS, said Master Agreement provides that any state, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, technical or vocational school, higher education institution, other government agency or nonprofit organization (hereinafter referred to as “public agency” or collectively, “public agencies”) may purchase products and services at the prices indicated in the Master Agreement;

WHEREAS, NCPA has the administrative and legal capacity to administer purchases under the Master Agreement to public agencies;

WHEREAS, NCPA serves as the administrative agent for Region 14 ESC in connection with other master agreements offered by NCPA

WHEREAS, Region 14 ESC desires NCPA to proceed with administration of the Master Agreement;

WHEREAS, NCPA and Vendor desire to enter into this Agreement to make available the Master Agreement to public agencies on a national basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payments to be made hereunder and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, NCPA and Vendor hereby agree as follows:

### ◆ General Terms and Conditions

- The Master Agreement, attached hereto as Tab 1 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein, and the terms and conditions contained therein shall apply to this Agreement except as expressly changed or modified by this Agreement.
- NCPA shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Region 14 ESC under the Master Agreement, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to NCPA under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the Vendor’s obligation to provide appropriate insurance and certain indemnifications to Region 14 ESC.
- Vendor shall perform all duties, responsibilities and obligations required under the Master Agreement in the time and manner specified by the Master Agreement.
- NCPA shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities, and obligations as administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement as set forth herein, and Vendor acknowledges that NCPA shall act in the capacity of administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement.
- With respect to any purchases made by Region 14 ESC or any Public Agency pursuant to the Master Agreement, NCPA (a) shall not be construed as a dealer, re-marketer, representative, partner, or agent of any type of Vendor, Region 14 ESC, or such Public Agency, (b) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible (i) for any orders made by Region

14 ESC, any Public Agency or any employee of Region 14 ESC or Public Agency under the Master Agreement, or (ii) for any payments required to be made with respect to such order, and (c) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible for any failure by the Public Agency to (i) comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law, or (ii) obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase under the Master Agreement. NCPA makes no representations or guaranties with respect to any minimum purchases required to be made by Region 14 ESC, any Public Agency, or any employee of Region 14 ESC or Public Agency under this Agreement or the Master Agreement.

- The Public Agency participating in the NCPA contract and Vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the Public Agency and Vendor. NCPA, its agents, members and employees shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

◆ **Term of Agreement**

- This Agreement shall be in effect so long as the Master Agreement remains in effect, provided, however, that the obligation to pay all amounts owed by Vendor to NCPA through the termination of this Agreement and all indemnifications afforded by Vendor to NCPA shall survive the term of this Agreement.

◆ **Fees and Reporting**

- The awarded vendor shall electronically provide NCPA with a detailed monthly or quarterly report showing the dollar volume of all sales under the contract for the previous month or quarter. Reports shall be sent via e-mail to NCPA offices at reporting@ncpa.us. Reports are due on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day after the close of the previous month or quarter. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to collect and compile all sales under the contract from participating members and submit one (1) report. The report shall include at least the following information as listed in the example below:

Entity Name	Zip Code	State	PO or Job #	Sale Amount

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

- Each quarter NCPA will invoice the vendor based on the total of sale amount(s) reported. From the invoice the vendor shall pay to NCPA an administrative fee based upon the tiered fee schedule below. Vendor's annual sales shall be measured on a calendar year basis. Deadline for term of payment will be included in the invoice NCPA provides.


<u>Annual Sales Through Contract</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>
0 - \$30,000,000	2%
\$30,000,001 - \$50,000,000	1.5%
\$50,000,001+	1%

- Supplier shall maintain an accounting of all purchases made by Public Agencies under the Master Agreement. NCPA and Region 14 ESC reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of four (4) years from the date NCPA receives the accounting. In the event of such an audit, the requested materials shall be provided at the location designated by Region 14 ESC or NCPA. In the event such audit reveals an underreporting of Contract Sales and a resulting underpayment of administrative fees, Vendor shall promptly pay NCPA the amount of such underpayment, together with interest on such amount and shall be obligated to reimburse NCPA's costs and expenses for such audit.

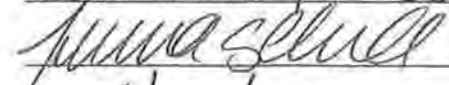
◆ General Provisions

- This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding.
- Awarded vendor agrees to allow NCPA to use their name and logo within website, marketing materials and advertisement. Any use of NCPA name and logo or any form of publicity regarding this contract by awarded vendor must have prior approval from NCPA.
- If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement or to recover any administrative fee and accrued interest, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- Neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by Vendor without prior written consent of NCPA, provided, however, that the Vendor may, without such written consent, assign this Agreement and its rights and delegate its obligations hereunder in connection with the transfer or sale of all or substantially all of its assets or business related to this Agreement, or in the event of its merger, consolidation, change in control or similar transaction. Any permitted assignee shall assume all assigned obligations of its assignor under this Agreement.
- This Agreement and NCPA's rights and obligations hereunder may be assigned at NCPA's sole discretion, to an existing or newly established legal entity that has the authority and capacity to perform NCPA's obligations hereunder
- All written communications given hereunder shall be delivered to the addresses as set forth below.

**National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance:**

Name: Matthew Mackel  
 Title: Director, Business Development  
 Address: PO Box 701273  
Houston, TX 77270  
 Signature:   
 Date: August 1, 2019

**Vendor:**

**S&S WORLDWIDE**  
 Name: Jenna Schall  
 Title: Bids + Contracts Manager  
 Address: 75 Mill St.  
Colchester, CT 06415  
 Signature:   
 Date: 7/10/19



# Tab 3 – Vendor Questionnaire

Please provide responses to the following questions that address your company's operations, organization, structure, and processes for providing products and services.

◆ States Covered

- Bidder must indicate any and all states where products and services can be offered.
- Please indicate the price co-efficient for each state if it varies.

**50 States & District of Columbia** (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alabama              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryland       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Dakota   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arizona              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michigan       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tennessee      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arkansas             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minnesota      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mississippi    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utah           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missouri       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vermont        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connecticut          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montana        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delaware             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nebraska       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nevada         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Virginia  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florida              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgia              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Jersey     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wyoming        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Mexico     |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Idaho                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New York       |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Carolina |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indiana              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Dakota   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iowa                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ohio           |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kansas               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma       |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kentucky             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oregon         |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Louisiana            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maine                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island   |  |

All US Territories and Outlying Areas (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

American Samoa

Northern Mariana Islands

Federated States of Micronesia

Puerto Rico

Guam

U.S. Virgin Islands

Midway Islands

◆ Minority

and Women

Business Enterprise (MWBE) and (HUB) Participation

- It is the policy of some entities participating in NCPA to involve minority and women business enterprises (MWBE) and historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in the purchase of goods and services. Respondents shall indicate below whether or not they are an M/WBE or HUB certified.
  - Minority / Women Business Enterprise
    - Respondent Certifies that this firm is a M/WBE
  - Historically Underutilized Business
    - Respondent Certifies that this firm is a HUB

◆ Residency

- Responding Company's principal place of business is in the city of Colchester, State of CT

◆ Felony Conviction Notice

- Please Check Applicable Box;
  - A publically held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.
  - Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
  - Is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony
- If the 3<sup>rd</sup> box is checked, a detailed explanation of the names and convictions must be attached.

◆ Distribution Channel

- Which best describes your company's position in the distribution channel:
  - Manufacturer Direct
  - Authorized Distributor
  - Value-added reseller
  - Certified education/government reseller
  - Manufacturer marketing through reseller
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Processing Information

- Provide company contact information for the following:

- Sales Reports / Accounts Payable

Contact Person: Jenna Schall  
Title: Bids + Contracts Manager  
Company: S&S WORLDWIDE  
Address: 75 MILL STREET  
City: COLCHESTER, CT 06415 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 800-243-9232 Email: bids@ssww.com

▪ Purchase Orders

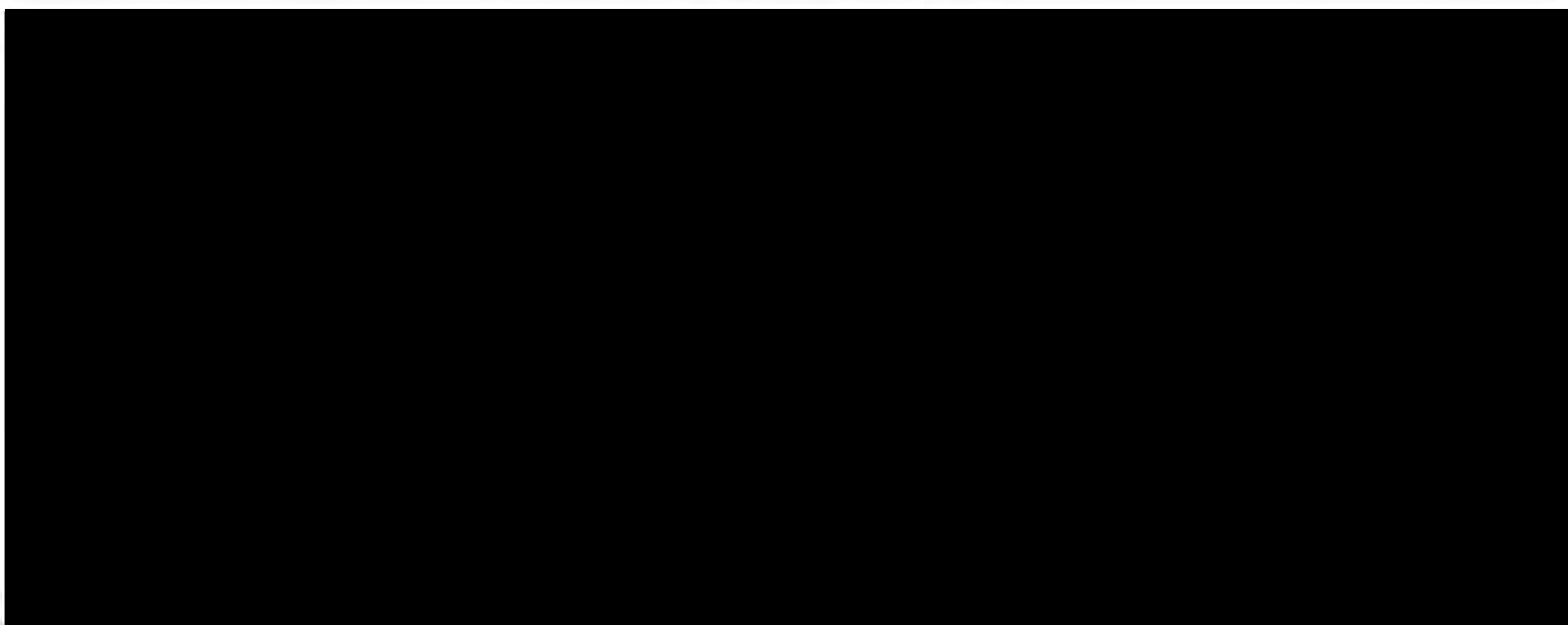
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Phone: 800-243-9232 Email: orders@ssww.com

▪ Sales and Marketing

Contact Person: Jenna Schall  
Title: Bids + contracts Manager  
Company: S&S WORLDWIDE  
Address: 75 MILL STREET  
City: COLCHESTER, CT 06415 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 800-243-9232 Email: bids@ssww.com

◆ Pricing Information

- In addition to the current typical unit pricing furnished herein, the Vendor agrees to offer all future product introductions at prices that are proportionate to Contract Pricing.
  - If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for NCPA participants would be calculated for future product introductions.  
 Yes       No
- Pricing submitted includes the required NCPA administrative fee. The NCPA fee is calculated based on the invoice price to the customer.  
 Yes       No
- Vendor will provide additional discounts for purchase of a guaranteed quantity.  
 Yes       No





# Tab 4 – Vendor Profile

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Please provide the following information about your company:

- ◆ Company's official registered name.
- ◆ Brief history of your company, including the year it was established.
- ◆ Company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number.
- ◆ Company's organizational chart of those individuals that would be involved in the contract.
- ◆ Corporate office location.
  - List the number of sales and services offices for states being bid in solicitation.
  - List the names of key contacts at each with title, address, phone and e-mail address.
- ◆ Define your standard terms of payment.
- ◆ Who is your competition in the marketplace?
- ◆ Provide Annual Sales for last 3 years broken out into the following categories:
  - Cities / Counties
  - K-12
  - Higher Education
  - Other government agencies or nonprofit organizations
- ◆ What differentiates your company from competitors?
- ◆ Describe how your company will market this contract if awarded.
- ◆ Describe how you intend to introduce NCPA to your company.
- ◆ Describe your firm's capabilities and functionality of your on-line catalog / ordering website.
- ◆ Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.)
- ◆ Green Initiatives
  - As our business grows, we want to make sure we minimize our impact on the Earth's climate. We are taking every step we can to implement innovative and responsible environmental practices throughout NCPA to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce waste,

energy conservation, ensure efficient computing and much more. To that effort we ask respondents to provide their companies environmental policy and/or green initiative.

◆ Vendor Certifications (if applicable)

- Provide a copy of all current licenses, registrations and certifications issued by federal, state and local agencies, and any other licenses, registrations or certifications from any other governmental entity with jurisdiction, allowing respondent to perform the covered services including, but not limited to, licenses, registrations, or certifications. Certifications can include M/WBE, HUB, and manufacturer certifications for sales and service.



## Vendor Profile

### **Brief History of Company:**

S&S Worldwide, Inc has been located in Connecticut since 1906. We have been global suppliers of arts, crafts, games and activities for over 100 years. In that time, we have streamlined our efforts in the processing, packaging and shipping of our customers orders to ensure their satisfaction. We were then incorporated in 1946. Since the 1980's we have offered a line of physical education supplies. In 1996 we made substantial additions to our physical education product line and 1998 with the acquisitions of Snitz, Things from Bell, S&S Worldwide became a major competitor for physical education supplies. More recently, we have begun our own line of physical education supplies known as Spectrum. Due to the success of our Spectrum product line and the growing needs of our customers, we anticipate even further expansion of this product line. Our goal is to provide our customers with the best variety of quality products at the lowest possible price.

**Dun & Bradstreet number:** 00-114-0581

**Contact:** Jenna Schall – Bids & Contracts Manager  
Jody Bertrand – VP of Institutional Sales

### **Email**

Customer Service: [cservice@ssww.com](mailto:cservice@ssww.com)

Bids Department: [bids@ssww.com](mailto:bids@ssww.com)

Orders: [orders@ssww.com](mailto:orders@ssww.com)

### **Phone**

Toll-free phone: (800) 288-9941

Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 7:00pm, EST

Representatives who speak Spanish are available  
Monday to Friday 9 AM to 6 PM EST

24-Hour toll-free fax: (800) 566-6678

Bids dept. fax: (800) 432-2842



**Corporate Address:**

S&S® Worldwide  
PO Box 513  
75 Mill Street  
Colchester, CT 06415  
1-860-537-3451

**Mailing Address for Orders:**

PO Box 513  
Colchester, CT 06415

**Mailing Address for Payments:**

PO Box 210  
Hartford, CT 06141

**Terms of Payment:** Net 30 days

**Competition:** BSN Sports, Gopher, US Games, Triple Crown Sports, Cannon Sports Inc., School Specialty.

**Capabilities:** S&S Worldwide, Inc. offers a 100% guarantee on all products and services. Delivery time is within 30 business days ARO. Most orders ship complete within 48 hours of receipt. If there are items on back order, we make every effort to ensure that the customer is notified and/or offered an alternate. As always, our customer's satisfaction is our number one priority.

S&S Worldwide, Inc provides instructional, educational, and recreational and physical education supplies to customers around the world. We also provide sales support through both our inside and outside sales representatives. Our bids/contracts department provides pricing, availability, ETA and any applicable shipping/handling charges upon request of the customer.

**Marketing:** S&S Worldwide plans to market this contract in many ways. There will be an announcement of re-award through our website and other social media sites. We also plan to market using email blasts to our customers to tell them of our newest contract. Depending on the date and location, we are looking into marketing this contract at trade shows. S&S Worldwide can also dedicate an internet web-based homepage to NCPA that will have the NCPA logo, a link to NCPA website, and a summary of contract and services offered.

If awarded, S&S Worldwide will describe and demonstrate the benefits of this contract to our customers who are eligible entities through our website and email blasts. If they need more information, they can call to discuss questions or concerns. To market this contract to existing government customers, S&S Worldwide will use as many of our marketing tools as possible, including email blasts and announcements through social media sites with links to the web-based homepage.

**S&S Worldwide, Inc. has an Internet site for ordering with the following capabilities:**

1. S&S Worldwide, Inc. offers a 100% secure site. Our site is secured by Versign.
2. Our customers may view **ALL** items that S&S Worldwide, Inc. carries.
3. Customers may pay for their orders using a credit card, or purchase orders for established accounts.
4. Customers receive a web order number upon completion of the order.
5. Once the order has been processed here, here at S&S Worldwide, In. you will receive a second confirmation with your S&S order number.
6. When your order ships, you receive a third email with the tracking information for your order.
7. Customer discounts/bid pricing will not show on your first order confirmation. The second confirmation will show all of your discounted prices.

Please note: S&S Worldwide, Inc. cannot meet all of the requests of all our customers for Internet ordering. We have tried to accommodate all of our customers will this ordering process.

**S&S Goes Green:**

We want to inspire our customers by setting an example and doing everything in our power to better the environment. At S&S, here's what we are doing to reduce, reuse and recycle. We are committed to helping our customers and trusted partners do the same! Since 2005, we have cut our catalog paper usage in half! Our website offers over 12,000 items without using any paper. We host an annual "Clean the Green" walk. S&S® Associates contribute time cleaning up our community by walking routes leading up to the Colchester green, cleaning up litter along the way.

S&S Won the Green Circle Award from the CT Dept of Energy & Environmental Protection in 2009 and 2010. Both were awarded for our 'Clean to the Green' work. We also offer a line of 30+ "green" crafts. Enjoy crafty fun with an Eco twist – everything from reusable totes to seed paper greeting cards that you can plant! Save the planet one project at a time, on Earth Day or any day!



July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Region 14 Education Service Center  
1850 Highway 351  
Abilene, TX 79601

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the enclosed/attached information regarding our financial status is **CONFIDENTIAL** information. This statement of confidentiality applies to our response to bid section Tab 3, Vendor Questionnaire and Tab 4, Vendor Profile.

We are supplying this information as part of your bid/contract request and ask that you not release any of this information beyond those people responsible for determining the award of this contract.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jenna Schall'.

Jenna Schall  
Bids & Contracts Manager  
S&S Worldwide, Inc.



Region 14 Education Service Center  
Attn: Purchasing Department  
1850 Highway 351  
Abilene, TX 79601

RE: S&S Worldwide Qualifications Statement

S&S Worldwide has been located in the state of Connecticut since 1906. We have been a global supplier of arts, crafts, PE games, and activity items for over 100 years. In that time, we have streamlined our efforts in the processing, packaging, and shipping of our customer's orders to assure their satisfaction. S&S Worldwide is a supplier of materials needed through the requested contract. We have a fast and easy return policy, with satisfaction one hundred percent guaranteed, no questions asked. Our outstanding performance history with School Districts, Cooperatives, and District Agencies, has proven our ability to perform the duties and responsibilities agreed to in your RFP. Thank you for your consideration of S&S Worldwide as a supplier for instructional materials in this request, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jenna Schall'.

Jenna Schall  
Bids & Contracts Manager  
S&S Worldwide, Inc.



## Tab 5 – Products and Services

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- ◆ Respondent shall perform and provide these products and/or services under the terms of this agreement. The supplier shall assist the end user with making a determination of their individual needs.
- ◆ The following is a list of suggested (but not limited to) categories. List all categories along with manufacturer that you are responding with:
  - Treadmills
  - Rowers
  - Cycles
  - Ellipticals
  - Steppers
  - Free Weights
  - Single Strength Stations
  - Multi-Stations
  - Racks and Platforms
  - Plate Loaded
  - Balls
  - Training and Education
  - First Aid
  - Flooring
  - Storage
  - Accessories
  - Sports and PE Equipment

## Product Categories

S&S Worldwide offers a variety of product categories from a variety of manufacturers. With this RFP 19-19, S&S Worldwide would like to respond for the following:

- Physical Education Equipment
- Sports/Athletics
  - Basketball
  - Gymnastics
  - Baseball/Softball
  - Football
  - Soccer
  - Volleyball
  - Tennis
- Balls
- Training and Education
- First Aid
- Free Weights & Racks
- Aerobic Steps/Steppers
- Storage
- Accessories
- Coach's Supplies
- Playground/Concessions
- Benches/Bleachers

## Tab 8 – Value Added Products and Services

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- ◆ Include any additional products and/or services available that vendor currently performs in their normal course of business that is not included in the scope of the solicitation that you think will enhance and add value to this contract for Region 14 ESC and all NCPA participating entities.

## Quotes and Best Pricing Guaranteed -

[www.ssww.com/bids](http://www.ssww.com/bids)

Looking for a competitive quote, applying for a grant or looking to save on volume pricing? Give us a call or use our quote request form. We'll provide you our best price along with our 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed Service!

## Special Ordering & Packaging

**Special Products** - Can't find what you need? Although we have over 17,000 items available on our site, there may be a specific product that you need that we do not currently carry. We can work with our special orders desk to get a quote on customized logo products, special sporting goods, furniture, outdoor or craft equipment, and even special craft supplies.

**Packaging & Custom Kit Creation** - We can also provide special kitting, packaging and deliveries to meet your program needs. Our Sales Staff will work with you to develop Custom Kits that can be assembled and shipped to multiple locations or your warehouse. Kits can be developed to support your curriculum, a theme, class size, etc. Everything you need for your program in one kit, with special labeling, packaging and even specialized delivery options. Just let us know what items you need and we will source and price them for you.

**S&S PLUS - Free Shipping all year long!** <http://www.ssww.com/plus/>

That's right! Free Shipping PLUS 10% discount off our list prices all year long - no minimum! Your membership covers you and everyone at your location, PLUS you will receive monthly exclusive PLUS member discounts and 50% off expedited shipping when you need your order as soon as possible. If you have a discount greater than 10%, you can substitute and save even more!

**Grants Database** - [www.ssww.com/grants](http://www.ssww.com/grants)

Our free grants database has hundreds of grant opportunities for you to search by state and by topic like STEM, Afterschool, Reading, Special Education, Technology and many more.

## List Creation

Use our list function to get approval for items from administration or just to share your ideas on products with others at your organization. The +Save to My List feature is available on every product page and as the list creator, you have the ability to make multiple lists, email them and customize with notes.

**Professional Development Services** - [www.ssww.com/professional-development](http://www.ssww.com/professional-development)

Online and On-site Workshops. We work with some of the most well-respected and knowledgeable professionals in the industries of physical education, adapted learning, after school, summer camp, literacy, STEM, social emotional learning, project based learning and so much more. We can customize a workshop for you, or help you through our online school with thousands of already enrolled customers.

**Free Resources** - [www.ssww.com/free-resources](http://www.ssww.com/free-resources)

We spend a lot of time talking to our customers, researching their industries, and really trying to help them with solutions to their individual program or classroom. If you're looking for inspiration, how to, lesson ideas, downloadable guides, craft videos, group activities or just want to browse what other people just like you are doing in their organizations, you won't be disappointed.





## Tab 9 – Required Documents

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- ◆ Clean Air and Water Act / Debarment Notice
- ◆ Contractors Requirements
- ◆ Antitrust Certification Statements
- ◆ FEMA Standard Terms and Conditions Addendum for Contracts and Grants
- ◆ Required Clauses for Federal Assistance by FTA
- ◆ State Notice Addendum

**Clean Air and Water Act & Debarment Notice**

I, the Vendor, am in compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as Amended (42 U.S. C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15 as required under OMB Circular A-102, Attachment O, Paragraph 14 (1) regarding reporting violations to the grantor agency and to the United States Environment Protection Agency Assistant Administrator for the Enforcement.

I hereby further certify that my company has not been debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension", as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations

Potential Vendor	<b>S&amp;S WORLDWIDE</b>
Print Name	Jenna Schall
Address	75 Mill St.
City, State, Zip	Colechester, CT 06415
Authorized signature	<i>Jenna Schall</i>
Date	7/10/19

# Contractor Requirements

## **Contractor Certification Contractor's Employment Eligibility**

By entering the contract, Contractor warrants compliance with the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal and state immigration laws and regulations. The Contractor further warrants that it is in compliance with the various state statutes of the states it is will operate this contract in.

Participating Government Entities including School Districts may request verification of compliance from any Contractor or subcontractor performing work under this Contract. These Entities reserve the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the Participating Entities suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, they may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The offeror complies and maintains compliance with the appropriate statutes which requires compliance with federal immigration laws by State employers, State contractors and State subcontractors in accordance with the E-Verify Employee Eligibility Verification Program.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy of the NCPA Participating entities in which work is being performed

### **Fingerprint & Background Checks**

If required to provide services on school district property at least five (5) times during a month, contractor shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the school district if requested of each person or employee who may provide such service. Alternately, the school district may fingerprint those persons or employees. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy. The district shall conduct a fingerprint check in accordance with the appropriate state and federal laws of all contractors, subcontractors or vendors and their employees for which fingerprints are submitted to the district. Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.

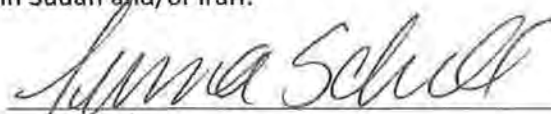
The offeror shall comply with fingerprinting requirements in accordance with appropriate statutes in the state in which the work is being performed unless otherwise exempted.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy in the school district or Participating Entity in which work is being performed

### **Business Operations in Sudan, Iran**

In accordance with A.R.S. 35-391 and A.R.S. 35-393, the Contractor hereby certifies that the contractor does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan and/or Iran.

Authorized signature



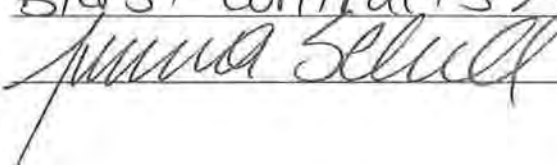
Date

7/16/19

## Antitrust Certification Statements (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- (1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;
- (2) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- (3) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- (4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this bid to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

Company name	_____
Address	<b>S&amp;S WORLDWIDE</b>
	<b>75 MILL STREET</b>
City/State/Zip	<b>COLCHESTER, CT 06415</b>
Telephone No.	800 - 243 - 9232
Fax No.	800 - 432 - 2842
Email address	bids@ssww.com
Printed name	Jenna Schall
Position with company	Bids + Contracts Manager
Authorized signature	



## FEMA Standard Terms and Conditions Addendum for Contracts and Grants

If any purchase made under the Master Agreement is funded in whole or in part by Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") grants, Contractor shall comply with all federal laws and regulations applicable to the receipt of FEMA grants, including, but not limited to the contractual procedures set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 13 ("44 CFR 13").

In addition, Contractor agrees to the following specific provisions:

- 1) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(1), University is entitled to exercise all administrative, contractual, or other remedies permitted by law to enforce Contractor's compliance with the terms of this Master Agreement, including but not limited to those remedies set forth at 44 CFR 13.43.
- 2) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(2), University may terminate the Master Agreement for cause or convenience in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Master Agreement and those provided by 44 CFR 13.44.
- 3) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(3)-(6)(12), and (13), Contractor shall comply with the following federal laws:
  - a. Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor ("DOL") regulations (41 CFR Ch. 60);
  - b. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented in DOL regulations (29 CFR Part 3);
  - c. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-7) as supplemented by DOL regulations (29 CFR Part 5);
  - d. Section 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-30) as supplemented by DOL regulations (29 CFR Part 5);
  - e. Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15); and
  - f. Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L.94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- 4) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(7), Contractor shall comply with FEMA requirements and regulations pertaining to reporting, including but not limited to those set forth at 44 CFR 40 and 41.
- 5) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(8), Contractor agrees to the following provisions regarding patents:
  - a. All rights to inventions and/or discoveries that arise or are developed, in the course of or under this Agreement, shall belong to the participating agency and be disposed of in accordance with the participating agency's policy. The participating agency, at its own discretion, may file for patents in connection with all rights to any such inventions and/or discoveries.
- 6) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(9), Contractor agrees to the following provisions, regarding copyrights:
  - a. If this Agreement results in any copyrightable material or inventions, in accordance with 44 CFR 13.34, FEMA reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, for Federal Government purposes:
    - 1) The copyright in any work developed under a grant or contract; and
    - 2) Any rights of copyright to which a grantee or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support.
- 7) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(10), Contractor shall maintain any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Master Agreement. At any time during normal business hours and as often as the participating agency deems necessary, Contractor shall permit participating agency, FEMA, the Comptroller General of United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to inspect and photocopy such records for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- 8) Pursuant to 44 CFR 13.36(i)(11), Contractor shall retain all required records for three years after FEMA or participating agency makes final payments and all other pending matters are closed. In addition, Contractor shall comply with record retention requirements set forth in 44 CFR 13.42.

# Required Clauses for Federal Assistance provided by FTA

## ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

Contractor agrees to:

- a) Maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract or any extensions thereof except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until Public Agency, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.
- b) Permit any of the foregoing parties to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records with regard to the Project, and to audit the books, records, and accounts with regard to the Project and to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed for the purpose of audit and examination.

*FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements of Article 1.01 in subcontracts. Reference 49 CFR 18.39 (i)(11).*

## CIVIL RIGHTS / TITLE VI REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Non-discrimination. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, Section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal Transit Law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Contractor or subcontractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status age, or disability. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- 2) Equal Employment Opportunity. The following Equal Employment Opportunity requirements apply to this Contract:
  - a. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal Transit Law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of U.S. Dept. of Labor regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor, 41 CFR, Parts 60 et seq., and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of this Project. Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
  - b. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Sections 621 through 634, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act", 29 CFR Part 1625, prohibit employment discrimination by Contractor against individuals on the basis of age, including present and prospective

employees. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

- c. Disabilities. In accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.*, prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR, Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities and with their responsibilities under Titles I through V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions.
  - d. Segregated Facilities. Contractor certifies that their company does not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of their establishments, and that they do not and will not permit their employees to perform their services at any location under the Contractor's control where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this certification the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of this Civil Rights clause.
- 3) Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, made by Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by Contractor of Contractor's obligations under this Contract and the regulations relative to non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, disability, age or national origin.
  - 4) Sanctions of Non-Compliance. In the event of Contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of this Contract, Public Agency shall impose such Contract sanctions as it or the FTA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: 1) Withholding of payments to Contractor under the Contract until Contractor complies, and/or; 2) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

*Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.*

#### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

This Contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, "*Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*", therefore, it is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in the performance of DOT-assisted contracts.

- 1) Non-Discrimination Assurances. Contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall carry out all applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or other such remedy as public agency deems appropriate. Each subcontract Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph. (See 49 CFR 26.13(b)).



- 2) Prompt Payment. Contractor is required to pay each subcontractor performing Work under this prime Contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than thirty (30) days after Contractor's receipt of payment for that Work from public agency. In addition, Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work related to this Contract is satisfactorily completed and any liens have been secured. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above time frames may occur only for good cause following written approval of public agency. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. Contractor must promptly notify public agency whenever a DBE subcontractor performing Work related to this Contract is terminated or fails to complete its Work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. Contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that Work through its own forces, or those of an affiliate, without prior written consent of public agency.
- 3) DBE Program. In connection with the performance of this Contract, Contractor will cooperate with public agency in meeting its commitments and goals to ensure that DBEs shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work, regardless of whether a contract goal is set for this Contract. Contractor agrees to use good faith efforts to carry out a policy in the award of its subcontracts, agent agreements, and procurement contracts which will, to the fullest extent, utilize DBEs consistent with the efficient performance of the Contract.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plans issued under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6321 *et seq.* and 41 CFR Part 301-10.

### **FEDERAL CHANGES**

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Contract between public agency and the FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

### **INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS**

The provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding Contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by the DOT, as set forth in the most current FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. Contractor agrees not to perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any public agency requests that would cause public agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### **NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES**

Agency and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, absent the Federal Government's express written consent and notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to agency, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract.



*Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.*

#### **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS**

Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Contract. Upon execution of the underlying Contract, Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying Contract or the FTA assisted project for which this Contract Work is being performed.

In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307 (n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

*Contractor agrees to include the above clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.*

## State Notice Addendum

The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), on behalf of NCPA and its current and potential participants to include all county, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, higher education institution, state, tribal government, other government agency, healthcare organization, nonprofit organization and all other Public Agencies located nationally in all fifty states, issues this Request for Proposal (RFP) to result in a national contract.

For your reference, the links below include some, but not all, of the entities included in this proposal:

[http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Local\\_Government/Cities.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Local_Government/Cities.shtml)

<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>

<https://harvester.census.gov/imls/search/index.asp>

<http://nccsweb.urban.org/PubApps/search.php>

<http://www.usa.gov/Government/Tribal-Sites/index.shtml>

<http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State-and-Territories.shtml>

<http://www.nreca.coop/about-electric-cooperatives/member-directory/>

<https://sos.oregon.gov/blue-book/Pages/state.aspx>

<https://portal.ehawaii.gov/government/>

<https://access.wa.gov/governmentagencies.html>

Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut

I, the Connecticut Secretary of the State, and keeper of the seal thereof,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the certificate of incorporation of

S & S WORLDWIDE, INC.

a domestic STOCK corporation, was filed in this office on June 25, 1946.

A certificate of amendment for S. & S. LEATHER COMPANY THE, changing its name to S & S  
WORLDWIDE, INC., was filed on December 29, 1989.

A certificate of dissolution has not been filed, the corporation has filed all annual reports, and so far as  
indicated by the records of this office such corporation is in existence.



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Secretary of the State

Date Issued: July 25, 2013

Business ID: 0040863

Standard

Certificate Number: 2013213605001

Note: To verify this certificate, visit the web site <http://www.concord.sos.ct.gov>